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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN:	021-06168-1575-174
Date:	10/27/2021
Time:	1715 Hrs.
Location:	[redacted] Townley Drive
City or Station:	Whittier
Bureau/Station/Facility:	Pico Rivera Station
Admin. Investigation:	○ YES ◉ NO
Type of Force:	Control Holds, OC Spray, Personal Weapons, Resisted Handcuffing, Hobble
Incident Category:	○1 ○2 ◉3
Deputy Injury:	◉ YES ○ NO
Suspect Injury:	◉ YES ○ NO
☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified:	◉ YES ○ NO
Person Notified:	Lt. Cartmill
Emp:	[redacted]
IAB Roll Out	◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	[redacted]
First Name	[redacted]
Middle I.	[redacted]
Rank	Dep
Sex:	◉ M ○ F
Race:	B
Height:	509
Weight:	180
Age:	[redacted]
Shift:	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM
	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment:	Pico Rivera Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	152
Individual Force Used:	Control Holds, Resisted Handcuffing
	◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category	○1 ◉2 ○3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:
Coroner Case #	

E2

Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	Stephenson
First Name	Michael
Middle I.	R
Rank	Dep
Sex:	◉ M ○ F
Race:	W
Height:	509
Weight:	185
Age:	[redacted]
Shift:	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM
	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment:	Pico Rivera Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	152
Individual Force Used:	Control Holds, OC Spray, Personal Weapons
	◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category	○1 ○2 ◉3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:
Coroner Case #	

E3

Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	[redacted]
First Name	[redacted]
Middle I.	[redacted]
Rank	Dep
Sex:	◉ M ○ F
Race:	H
Height:	600
Weight:	225
Age:	[redacted]
Shift:	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM
	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment:	Pico Rivera Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	151A
Individual Force Used:	Control Holds, Hobble
	◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category	○1 ◉2 ○3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:
Coroner Case #	

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Espinosa	Michael	J	Sgt	YES ◉ NO ○	YES ◉ NO ○

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Guillen	Adrian	E	Sgt	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Jones	Raymond	L	Lt

[signature] 8/3/22

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** Date Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #:

Captain Ron Kopperud [redacted]

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		Dep

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
(●) M ( ) F	H	510	200	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Pico Rivera Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 151

Individual Force Used: Resisted Handcuffing

(●) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category ( ) 1 (●) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Ortega | First Name: Angelina | Middle Name: Marie | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ◉ Female | Race: H | Age: 51 | Height: 502 | Weight: 140 | D.O.B: 08/02/70 | Phone #1: [redacted] | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 6269015 | Primary Charge Code: 368(a) PC | Secondary Charge Code: 243 (b) PC | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO | Name: LA County Fire | Unit: 40 | Phone #: 562 699-3268

Hospital Admission? ☒ | Rec'd Treatment At: PIH Health | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Alisa Sato | Address: 12401 Washington Blvd. Whittier | Phone #: 562 696-9267

Under Influence: ◉ YES ○ NO | Substance: CNS Stimulant | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 6/30/22 | Time: 1317 | ☒ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

0 2 1 - 0 6 1 6 8 - 1 5 7 5 - 1 7 4

Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Espinosa	Michael	J

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
150S	Pico Rivera Station	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	74	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
[redacted]	E1	[redacted]	S1	CT	NN	AR
[redacted]	E1	[redacted]	S1	CT	NN	LE
[redacted]	E1	[redacted]	S1	RH	NN	WR
Stephenson	E2	[redacted]	S1	CT	NN	LE
Stephenson	E2	[redacted]	S1	NN	LE	CT
Stephenson	E2	[redacted]	S1	OC	NN	CT
Stephenson	E2	[redacted]	S1	PH	FR	FA
[redacted]	E3	[redacted]	S1	CH	NN	LE
[redacted]	E3	[redacted]	S1	HB	NN	LE
[redacted]	E4	[redacted]	S1	RH	NN	WR
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E1	UC	NN	
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E1	RS	NN	AR
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E1	RS	NN	LE
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E1	RS	NN	WR
[redacted]	S1	Stephenson	E2	UC	NN	
[redacted]	S1	Stephenson	E2	RS	NN	AR
[redacted]	S1	Stephenson	E2	RS	NN	LE
[redacted]	S1	Stephenson	E2	PS	CP	GR
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E3	UC	NN	
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E3	RS	NN	LE
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E4	UC	NN	
[redacted]	S1	[redacted]	E4	RS	NN	WR

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Category 3 Use of Force / Broken Left Orbital**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2542325**
URN#:	**021-06168-1575-174**
DIVISION / UNIT:	**South Patrol Division / Pico Rivera Station**
DATE / TIME:	**Wednesday, October 27, 2021 / 1715 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Townley Drive, Whittier**

SYNOPSIS

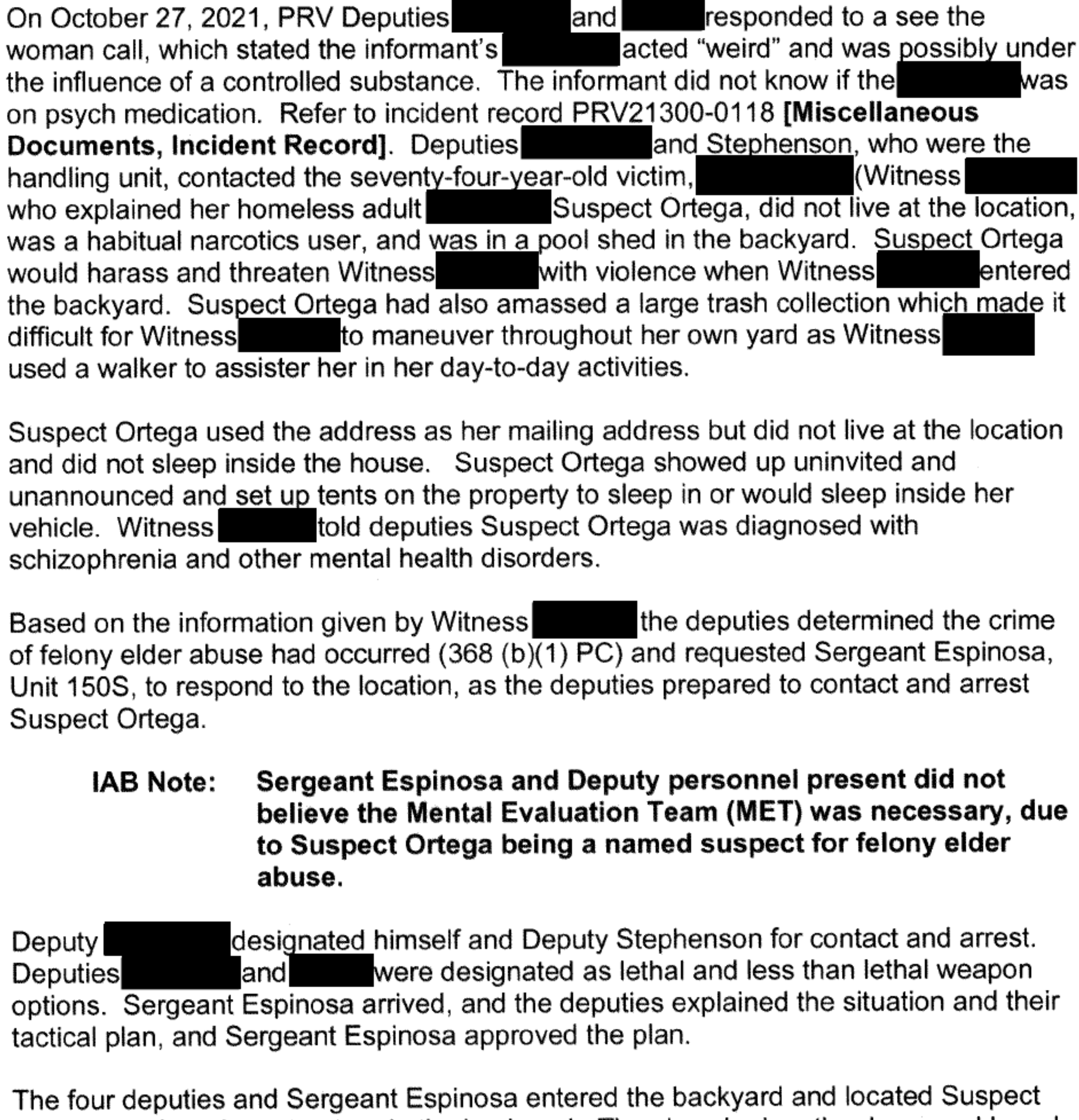
On Thursday, October 28, 2021, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force/Shooting Response Team, comprised of Lieutenant Richard Cartmill, Sergeant Adrian Guillen, and Sergeant Dennis Pogodayev, responded to Pico Rivera Station (PRV) regarding a Category 3 use of force incident documented by Pico Rivera Station personnel, URN 021-06168-1575-174 **[Exhibit A]**. During this incident, [redacted] (Deputy [redacted] applied control holds and handcuffed Suspect Angelina Ortega's (Suspect Ortega) hands. Deputy Michael Stephenson (Deputy Stephenson) used Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, applied control holds and struck Suspect Ortega on the left side of her face, with his right fist, which resulted in a fractured orbital on Suspect Ortega's left eye. Deputy [redacted] (Deputy [redacted] used control holds and applied the RIPP hobble to Suspect Ortega's ankles. Deputy [redacted] (Deputy [redacted] applied control holds and assisted in handcuffing Suspect Ortega. Sergeant Michael Espinosa (Sergeant Espinosa) was present and directed the use of force. The use of force was recorded on deputies' body-worn cameras (BWC) **[Exhibit B, Body-Worn Cameras]**.

> **IAB Note:** **OC, or Oleoresin Capsicum, spray is a liquid agent which causes temporary discomfort and burning to the eyes and lungs, due to its inflammatory effects**

> **IAB Note:** **The RIPP hobble is made of one-inch-wide polypropylene webbed belting looped through a one-inch-wide alligator-jawed, friction-locking clip and steel-snap swivel, which can be**

used to restrain appendages such as legs, to prevent a suspect from kicking personnel.

SUMMARY



On October 27, 2021, PRV Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] responded to a see the woman call, which stated the informant's [redacted] acted "weird" and was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance. The informant did not know if the [redacted] was on psych medication. Refer to incident record PRV21300-0118 **[Miscellaneous Documents, Incident Record]**. Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson, who were the handling unit, contacted the seventy-four-year-old victim, [redacted] (Witness [redacted] who explained her homeless adult [redacted] Suspect Ortega, did not live at the location, was a habitual narcotics user, and was in a pool shed in the backyard. Suspect Ortega would harass and threaten Witness [redacted] with violence when Witness [redacted] entered the backyard. Suspect Ortega had also amassed a large trash collection which made it difficult for Witness [redacted] to maneuver throughout her own yard as Witness [redacted] used a walker to assister her in her day-to-day activities.

Suspect Ortega used the address as her mailing address but did not live at the location and did not sleep inside the house. Suspect Ortega showed up uninvited and unannounced and set up tents on the property to sleep in or would sleep inside her vehicle. Witness [redacted] told deputies Suspect Ortega was diagnosed with schizophrenia and other mental health disorders.

Based on the information given by Witness [redacted] the deputies determined the crime of felony elder abuse had occurred (368 (b)(1) PC) and requested Sergeant Espinosa, Unit 150S, to respond to the location, as the deputies prepared to contact and arrest Suspect Ortega.

IAB Note: **Sergeant Espinosa and Deputy personnel present did not believe the Mental Evaluation Team (MET) was necessary, due to Suspect Ortega being a named suspect for felony elder abuse.**

Deputy [redacted] designated himself and Deputy Stephenson for contact and arrest. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were designated as lethal and less than lethal weapon options. Sergeant Espinosa arrived, and the deputies explained the situation and their tactical plan, and Sergeant Espinosa approved the plan.

The four deputies and Sergeant Espinosa entered the backyard and located Suspect Ortega in a four-door structure in the backyard. They knocked on the doors and heard Suspect Ortega shout at them from the second door from the north. The door was approximately three feet away from the filled swimming pool. The deputies repeatedly ordered Suspect Ortega to exit from behind the closed door, but she refused. Deputy

Stephenson attempted to turn the doorknob, which did not turn, and believed the door was locked.

IAB Note: The four doors of the structure faced the pool and led to a narrow individual shower and changing rooms.

The deputies spent several minutes of unsuccessful attempts to ruse Suspect Ortega out of the structure. Deputy Stephenson attempted to open the door again and utilized a piece of metal to manipulate the locking mechanism and realized the door was not locked; Suspect Ortega held the doorknob from inside and prevented the doorknob from turning.

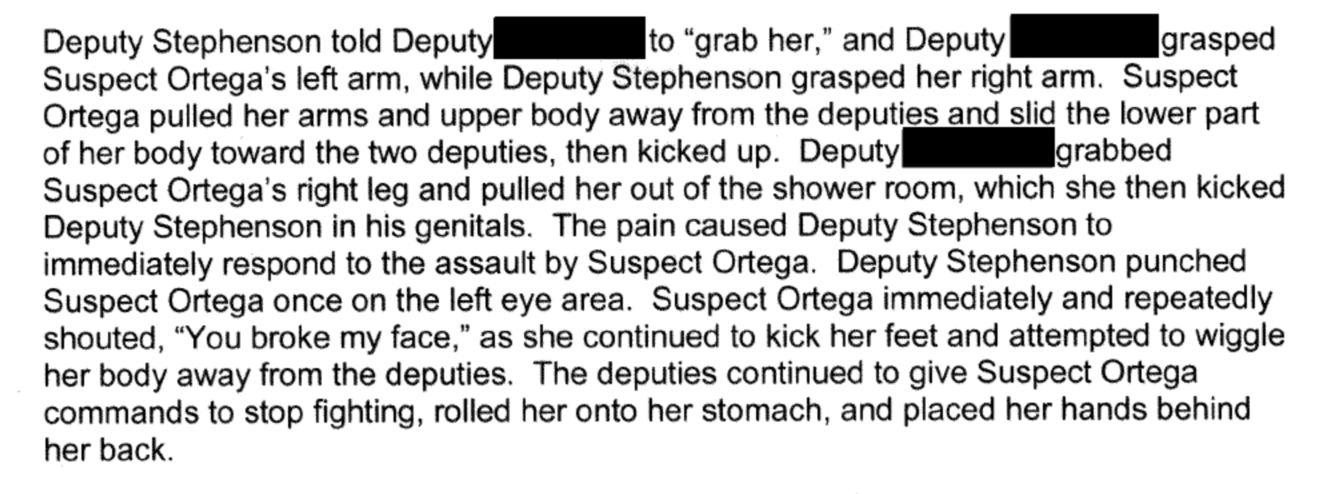
IAB Note: A ruse is an action intended to deceive or trick another person.

Deputy Stephenson opened the door and saw Suspect Ortega sitting on a pile of clothing and trash. The room was filled with about one foot of clutter. Suspect Ortega continued to refuse deputies' commands and shouted profanities at them. Suspect Ortega said, "Don't fucking touch me;" and, "Get off my fucking property." Suspect Ortega hid her hands in the clutter, which caused Deputy Stephenson to believe she was retrieving a weapon. Deputy Stephenson drew his firearm and aimed it at Suspect Ortega. Deputy Stephenson realized Suspect Ortega had retrieved her cell phone, at which point he re-holstered his firearm.

IAB Note: During his IAB interview, Deputy Stephenson was unsure if he had unlocked the door using the piece of metal or if Suspect Ortega had let go of her grip on the doorknob.

As Suspect Ortega continued to disobey deputies' repeated commands, Sergeant Espinosa directed Deputy [redacted] to grasped Suspect Ortega's right arm, while Deputy Stephenson attempted to grasp her left arm. Suspect Ortega pulled her arms away, as she repeatedly shouted, "Get off my wrist." Deputy Stephenson pulled out his OC spray and warned Suspect Ortega he would spray her if she did not comply, which was repeated by Sergeant Espinosa. Suspect Ortega replied, "No you won't," and continued to disobey their commands. Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy [redacted] to back away from Suspect Ortega, then ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega with OC spray.

Deputy [redacted] delivered an approximately two second burst of OC spray toward Suspect Ortega's face. Suspect Ortega turned her head, which caused the OC spray to miss her eyes and did not have the desired effect. Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to "spray her again," at which point Deputy Stephenson delivered a second one to two second burst of OC spray. The second burst of OC spray landed in Suspect Ortega's eyes and appeared to cause the desired discomfort; however Suspect Ortega still refused to follow commands.



Deputy Stephenson told Deputy [redacted] to "grab her," and Deputy [redacted] grasped Suspect Ortega's left arm, while Deputy Stephenson grasped her right arm. Suspect Ortega pulled her arms and upper body away from the deputies and slid the lower part of her body toward the two deputies, then kicked up. Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Ortega's right leg and pulled her out of the shower room, which she then kicked Deputy Stephenson in his genitals. The pain caused Deputy Stephenson to immediately respond to the assault by Suspect Ortega. Deputy Stephenson punched Suspect Ortega once on the left eye area. Suspect Ortega immediately and repeatedly shouted, "You broke my face," as she continued to kick her feet and attempted to wiggle her body away from the deputies. The deputies continued to give Suspect Ortega commands to stop fighting, rolled her onto her stomach, and placed her hands behind her back.

Deputy [redacted] controlled Suspect Ortega's right arm, while Deputies Stephenson and [redacted] controlled her left arm, as they rolled Suspect Ortega onto her stomach. The deputies were able to apply the handcuffs on Suspect Ortega's wrist, despite her resistance. At the same time, Sergeant Espinosa felt his shoelaces had been caught in Suspect Ortega's right boot, which caused him concern about losing his balance. Deputy [redacted] had to manipulate Sergeant Espinosa's shoelace free, then applied the RIPP hobble to Suspect Ortega's crossed feet. Once the handcuffs and RIPP hobble were applied, Suspect Ortega stopped her physical resistance and followed the deputies' commands.

IAB Note: Sergeant Espinosa was heard on BWC, at 17:09:46, complain of pain to his ankle, as his shoelace was caught [Exhibit B, Body-Worn Camera].

The deputies sat the suspect up and searched Suspect Ortega while she was in a seated position. During their search they recovered a folding knife concealed on Suspect Ortega's person. The deputies carried Suspect Ortega, who was no longer resistive, several feet away from the pool and adjusted the RIPP hobble above her knees. Suspect Ortega allowed the deputies to apply a second RIPP hobble to her uncrossed feet. The application and placement of the two RIPP hobbles allowed Suspect Ortega to walk in a shuffled manner.

IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] conducted the search of Suspect Ortega in front of the shower room. The BWC showed him recover a knife from Suspect Ortega's right side, but it is not clear if he recovered it from her pants or sweater. Deputy [redacted] did not remember recovering the knife during his IAB interview.

Deputy [redacted] conducted a search of Suspect Ortega in the front yard at a patrol vehicle. Suspect Ortega was treated on scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine #40 personnel, under the command of Captain Sotelo. Suspect Ortega was

transported via ambulance to PIH Health Hospital – Whittier, where she was treated by Dr. Alisa Sato and diagnosed with a fracture to her left orbital.

IAB Note: **Deputy [redacted] who is a male deputy, searched Suspect Ortega on scene, as there were no female deputies available to conduct the search.**

INVOLVED PERSONNEL/WORK HISTORY

[redacted] # [redacted]
Deputy Sheriff
South Patrol Division/Pico Rivera Station
(Loan from Transportation Services Bureau for training)

Date of Employment: 06/20/2019
Date assigned to Pico Rivera: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Category 3 Use of Force:

Equipment Worn on Person
Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm
Smith & Wesson Revolver .38 (Backup)
Magazines (2)
Taser
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs (2)
Tourniquet
Baton
Portable Radio
Narcan
Multitool

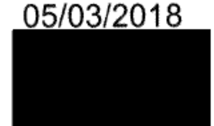
Stephenson, Michael, #[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff
South Patrol Division/Pico Rivera Station

Date of Employment: 11/07/2008
Date assigned to Pico Rivera: 06/05/2016
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Category 3 Use of Force:

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Magazines (2)

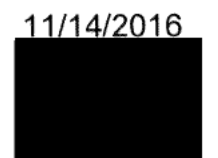
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs (2)
Tourniquet
Baton
Hobble
Portable Radio


[redacted] #[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff
South Patrol Division/Pico Rivera Station

Date of Employment: 05/03/2018
Date assigned to Pico Rivera:
Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Category 3 Use of Force:

[redacted]

Equipment Worn on Person
Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm
Magazines (2)
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs (2)
Taser
Tourniquet
Baton
Hobble
Portable Radio


[redacted] #[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff
South Patrol Division/Pico Rivera Station

Date of Employment: 11/14/2016
Date assigned to Pico Rivera:
Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Category 3 Use of Force:

[redacted]

Equipment Worn on Person
Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm
Smith & Wesson Revolver .38 (Backup)
Magazines (3)
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs (2)
Tourniquet
Baton
Taser

Hobble
Portable Radio

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Angelina Ortega
Female/Hispanic/52, DOB 08/02/70, 5'02"/155
CII # [redacted] MAIN# [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System/Criminal Information Index (CCHRS/CII) revealed Suspect Ortega [redacted] For further, refer to Suspect Ortega's CCHRS/CII, and Record of Arrest and Prosecution Sheet (RAPS) **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

INJURIES

Suspect Angelina Ortega
Suspect Ortega was diagnosed with a depressed fracture of the floor of the left orbital. Doctor Sato believed the injuries were consistent with the force used. A Urine Drug Screen reflected Suspect Ortega tested positive for amphetamine/methamphetamine and cannabinoid **[EXHIBIT C, PIH Health ED Summary of Care]**.

Department Personnel

Due to this incident, Sergeant Espinosa experience pain to his lower back and right ankle and was taken out of work, Injured on Duty (IOD) by his doctor as of October 29, 2021. At the time of this report, he had not returned to work.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None.

INVESTIGATORS' OBSERVATIONS

None.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

None.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT

None.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CHARGES

Investigator's Name:	Pico Rivera Station, Detective Ricardo Villegas, [redacted]
Arraignment Court:	Downey Court
Trial Court:	Norwalk Superior Court
Court Case:	1DN03965
Charges:	243(b) P.C.

Detective Villegas submitted the criminal complaint to Downey Superior Court District Attorney's Office. Her arraignment date is scheduled for August 18, 2022 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This incident took place outside during daylight hours. According to weather website wunerground.com, the temperature was approximately 79 degrees and twilight was at 1930 hours. The weather condition was described as fair.

RADIO TRANSMISSION

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communication Center's (SCC) radio traffic associated with the incident. The following is a summary of Dispatch 13, and L-TAC radio traffic. For exact times, units, and verbiage, refer to **[Exhibit B, Audio]**. The times used to signify the events is the elapsed interval on the recording, not the time the incident occurred

DISPATCH_13_1027221_1615-1800_hrs

00:15	SCC voiced call.
10:14	Unit 151A arrived on scene.
27:12	Unit 152 requested 150S to L-tac radio frequency.
54:59	Unit 150S requested fire department.
56:14	SCC confirmed fire department requested.

L-tac-10_102721_1615-1800

00:10	Unit 152 coordinated call.

09:18 Further coordination, as units arrived on scene.

25:56 Unit 150S requested to location.

56:20 Requested 152D (two-man unit) and female deputy to respond to scene.

56:58 PRV dispatch advised there were no female deputies on in-service.

1:00:30 PRV dispatch requested any unit on scene to call PRV dispatch on telephone.

BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE

IAB Investigators created and reviewed a synced 4-panel body-worn video **[Exhibit B, Body-Worn Camera, 4-Panel Body-Worn Video]**, which consisted of Deputies [redacted] Stephenson, [redacted] and Sergeant Espinosa's body-worn camera footage.

All four panels began recording at 16:59:32 hours. The top left panel was worn by Deputy Stephenson and labeled [redacted] The Top right panel was worn by Sergeant Espinosa and is the source of the audio. The bottom left panel was worn by Deputy [redacted] and labeled [redacted] The bottom right panel was worn by Deputy [redacted] and labeled [redacted]

IAB NOTE: There was a one-minute buffer period, where the body-worn camera backed up one minute prior to activation. Audio recording began when the camera was intentionally activated to record.

16:59:33 Briefing between Deputy personnel and Sergeant Espinosa.

17:02:20 Deputies conducted a door knock, identified themselves and attempted to open door.

17:08:24 Deputy Stephenson opened door.

17:08:30 Deputy Stephenson drew firearm then re-holstered.

17:08:35 Deputy [redacted] grasped Suspect Ortega's right arm.

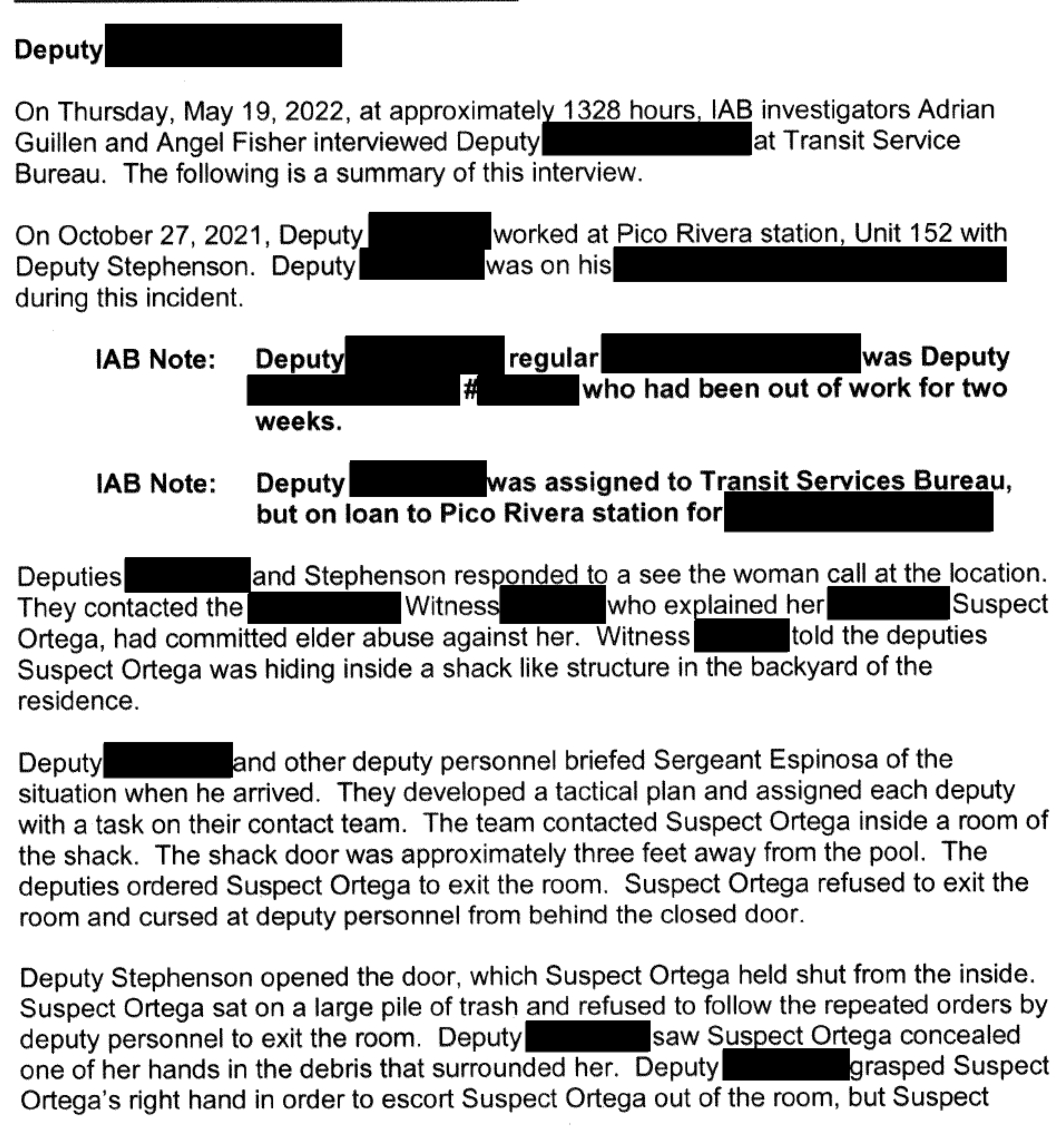
17:08:54 Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to OC spray Suspect Ortega. Deputy Stephenson complied.

17:09:00	Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to OC spray Suspect Ortega a second time. Deputy Stephenson complied.
17:09:09	Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson to "grab her and pull her out."
17:09:13	Suspect Ortega kicked Deputy Stephenson in the groin.
17:09:15	Deputy Stephenson punched Suspect Ortega once in face. The four deputies attempted to gain control of Suspect Ortega.
17:09:18	Deputy [redacted] BWC stopped recording.
17:09:57	Suspect Ortega is handcuffed as RIPP hobble is applied.
17:10:17	A knife is recovered on Suspect Ortega's person as she is searched.
17:11:15	Sergeant Espinosa requested the fire department to respond via his handheld radio.
17:11:40	Second RIPP hobble was applied, and first RIPP hobble was adjusted to allow Suspect Ortega to shuffle walk.
17:12:07	Suspect Ortega was escorted to a patrol vehicle in front yard.
17:14:28	Deputies searched Suspect Ortega.
17:15:16	Deputies remove Suspect Ortega's boots and pant layers.
17:17:17	Deputy Stephenson advised Sergeant Espinosa; SCC advised there were no female deputies available.
17:18:52	Deputy Stephenson's BWC stopped recording.
17:20:08	Fire department arrived.
17:30:20	Suspect Ortega is escorted and placed inside ambulance.

STATEMENTS

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed the below listed personnel and witnesses. The following is a summary of their interviews. For more information and precise wording, see digitally attached verbatim interview transcripts.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES' STATEMENTS



Deputy [redacted]

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, at approximately 1328 hours, IAB investigators Adrian Guillen and Angel Fisher interviewed Deputy [redacted] at Transit Service Bureau. The following is a summary of this interview.

On October 27, 2021, Deputy [redacted] worked at Pico Rivera station, Unit 152 with Deputy Stephenson. Deputy [redacted] was on his [redacted] during this incident.

> **IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] regular [redacted] was Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] who had been out of work for two weeks.**

> **IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] was assigned to Transit Services Bureau, but on loan to Pico Rivera station for [redacted]**

Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson responded to a see the woman call at the location. They contacted the [redacted] Witness [redacted] who explained her [redacted] Suspect Ortega, had committed elder abuse against her. Witness [redacted] told the deputies Suspect Ortega was hiding inside a shack like structure in the backyard of the residence.

Deputy [redacted] and other deputy personnel briefed Sergeant Espinosa of the situation when he arrived. They developed a tactical plan and assigned each deputy with a task on their contact team. The team contacted Suspect Ortega inside a room of the shack. The shack door was approximately three feet away from the pool. The deputies ordered Suspect Ortega to exit the room. Suspect Ortega refused to exit the room and cursed at deputy personnel from behind the closed door.

Deputy Stephenson opened the door, which Suspect Ortega held shut from the inside. Suspect Ortega sat on a large pile of trash and refused to follow the repeated orders by deputy personnel to exit the room. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Ortega concealed one of her hands in the debris that surrounded her. Deputy [redacted] grasped Suspect Ortega's right hand in order to escort Suspect Ortega out of the room, but Suspect

Ortega flailed her arm in order to free it from Deputy [redacted] grasp, and Sergeant Espinosa directed Deputy [redacted] to release Suspect Ortega's arm.

Sergeant Espinosa gave Suspect Ortega multiple warnings she would be OC sprayed if she did not comply with their orders. Suspect Ortega continued to ignore the deputies' orders and Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega with the OC spray. Deputy Stephenson sprayed Suspect Ortega; however, the spray did not appear to have an effect on Suspect Ortega.

Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega a second time, which he did. As the OC spray effected Suspect Ortega, Deputy [redacted] grasped Suspect Ortega's right pant leg with his right hand and attempted to gain control of her right arm with his left hand, but Suspect Ortega flailed her arms and tried to tuck her arms away from him. At the same time, Deputy Stephenson tried to control the left side of Suspect Ortega's body and the two deputies simultaneously pulled Suspect Ortega out of the shed. Suspect Ortega continued to pull her arms away from the deputies, at which point, Deputy Stephenson struck Suspect Ortega once in the face. Due to this strike, Suspect Ortega immediately turned face down, and pulled her hands away from the deputies as they attempted to handcuff her. Suspect Ortega stopped her physical resistance once the handcuffs were applied.

IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] did not see Suspect Ortega kick Deputy Stephenson, which he learned occurred after the incident.

After the use of force, Deputy [redacted] recognized his BWC had turned off during the incident, as he recalled turning his BWC on prior to making an approach into the backyard. Deputy [redacted] was unsure when or how the BWC turned off. Deputy [redacted] immediately reported his use of force to Sergeant Espinosa and advised him his BWC had turned off during the incident.

Deputy Michael Stephenson

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at approximately 1436 hours, IAB investigators Sergeant Adrian Guillen and Bernard Ojeda interviewed Deputy Michael Stephenson at Pico Rivera station. Deputy Stephenson was represented by Attorney Matt Gelfon with Rains Lucia Stern, St. Phalle & Silver. The following is a summary of his interview.

On October 27, 2021, Deputy Stephenson responded to the location regarding a see the woman call. Deputies Stephenson and [redacted] contacted Witness [redacted] who stated Suspect Ortega "was basically mentally tormenting the women and threatening her with physical harm" **[Stephenson Transcript, page 6]**. Based on the events described by Witness [redacted] Deputy Stephenson determined the elements of elder abuse had occurred. Witness [redacted] told the deputies Suspect Ortega was still at the location and in the backyard.

Deputy Stephenson requested for additional personnel and a sergeant, via his handheld radio, to contact Suspect Ortega and to arrest her for elder abuse. When Sergeant Espinosa and the additional personnel arrived, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] Deputies Stephenson and [redacted] briefed them on the circumstances and their intention to arrest Suspect Ortega. A tactical plan was devised, and Deputy Stephenson tasked each deputy with their assignment in the contact team. The approach toward Suspect Ortega was also discussed and implemented, due to the small surface area between the swimming pool and the pool house, which was approximately 36 inches wide.

As they approached the pool house, the deputies heard Suspect Ortega yelling behind the second door from the north side of the building. The deputies knocked on the door and Suspect Ortega told them to leave her alone. The deputies each took turns attempting to ruse Suspect Ortega out of the building.

Deputy Stephenson tried to open the door and believed it was locked. Deputy Stephenson found a coat hanger and attempted to unlock the door. Deputy Stephenson pushed the straightened coat hanger through the hole in the center of the doorknob. Deputy Stephenson realized the door was not locked as he turned the doorknob and overcame the grip of Suspect Ortega, who held the knob and prevented it from turning.

The door opened and revealed Suspect Ortega, who sat facing the deputies. "Her knees are bent and she's dirty, disheveled and screaming," obscenities at the deputies **[Stephenson Transcripts, page 10]**. Suspect Ortega reach into a cubby or crevice in either the wall or the debris around her, which caused Deputy Stephenson to believe she was retrieving a weapon. Deputy Stephenson drew his firearm and ordered her to show her hands. Suspect Ortega told him she was grabbing her cellphone and slowly moved her hand to reveal a cellphone. When he saw the cellphone, Deputy Stephenson re-holstered his firearm and retrieved his OC spray from his gun belt.

After several orders for Suspect Ortega to stand up and exit the pool house, Deputy [redacted] grasped her right arm and attempted to pull Suspect Ortega up and out of the confined area. Suspect Ortega pulled her arm back and away from Deputy [redacted] In response to her resistance, Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega with OC spray. Deputy Stephenson applied a 2-3 second burst to Suspect Ortega's face. Suspect Ortega turned her head, which caused the OC spray to land on the side of her head and did not enter her eyes. Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega a second burst of OC spray. Deputy Stephenson applied a second burst of OC spray. This time, the OC spray entered Suspect Ortega's eyes.

As the OC took its effect, Deputy Stephenson grasped Suspect Ortega's right wrist with his left hand. Suspect Ortega kicked her feet toward the deputies, as she pulled her arms back and away from the deputies. Suspect Ortega scooted her buttocks and hips toward the deputies and kicked Deputy Stephenson in his genitals. Deputy Stephenson

felt immediate pain which caused him to bend over. Deputy Stephenson felt the situation had escalated and would continue to escalate if he did not act quickly. Deputy Stephenson immediately punched Suspect Ortega once in the face with his right hand. The single punch caused Suspect Ortega to turn her face and rolled onto her stomach. Deputy Stephenson controlled Suspect Ortega's left hand and gave her commands to stop fighting. Deputy Stephenson saw a deputy had handcuffed Suspect Ortega but was unsure who. Once Suspect Ortega was handcuffed, Deputy Stephenson disengaged and backed away from the situation, due to the pain in his genitals. Deputy Stephenson recalled he saw a folded pocketknife on Suspect Ortega after she was handcuffed which was removed during an initial search of Suspect Ortega. At some point Suspect Ortega was hobbled, stood up then escorted out of the backyard.

Deputy Stephenson immediately reported the force he used and saw to Sergeant Espinosa.

Deputy [redacted]

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at approximately 0728 hours, IAB investigators Sergeant Adrian Guillen and Bernard Ojeda interviewed Deputy [redacted] at a temporary desert command post (Narcotics Bureau operation) in the city of Llano. The following is a summary of his interview.

On October 27, 2021, Deputy [redacted] responded to the location regarding a family disturbance. When he arrived, Deputy Stephenson explained Suspect Ortega was going to be arrested regarding a restraining order violation. Deputy Stephenson formulated a tactical plan and gave each deputy an assignment. Deputy Stephenson told personnel, according to Witness [redacted] Suspect Ortega was in a shower shed in the backyard.

IAB Note: **Suspect Ortega was not in violation of a restraining order; however, a restraining order violation was discussed on BWC, as Witness [redacted] told the deputies she had a restraining order against Suspect Ortega's [redacted] who was not at the location. Suspect Ortega was to be arrested for felony elder abuse.**

Deputy personnel made their way around the clutter filled backyard, and around the swimming pool, and located Suspect Ortega in a small room of a shed. Deputy Stephenson knocked on the door and ordered Suspect Ortega to exit the room; Suspect Ortega refused to open the door or exit. The deputies tried to open the door, but believed the door was locked. Due to Suspect Ortega being very uncooperative, the deputies took turns as they tried to verbally persuade her out of the shed.

One of the deputies, Deputy [redacted] was unsure who, realized the door was not locked and opened the door. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Ortega sitting in a small

shower space surrounded by clothes, buckets, and other junk items. Suspect Ortega cursed at the deputies and refused to exit. Due to Suspect Ortega's verbal aggressiveness, Deputy [redacted] pulled out his Taser and pointed it at her for approximately 10-15 seconds. Deputy [redacted] re-assessed her level of resistance, realized the danger of using the Taser near the swimming pool and re-holstered the Taser.

Deputy [redacted] attempted to help Suspect Ortega stand up, but she kicked at him. Sergeant Espinosa ordered the deputies to back up and told Suspect Ortega if she did not stand up and exit, OC spray would be utilized on her. Suspect Ortega still refused to exit, so Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray her with OC spray. Sergeant Espinosa saw the OC spray did not affect Suspect Ortega and ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega again. After she was sprayed, Suspect Ortega reached around, which caused Deputy [redacted] to believe she was searching for a weapon. Sergeant Espinosa ordered either Deputies [redacted] or Stephenson to pull Suspect Ortega out of the room. Suspect Ortega kicked at the two deputies and tucked her hands under herself.

Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Ortega kick Deputy Stephenson in the groin, which caused Deputy Stephenson to move backward, toward the swimming pool. Deputy [redacted] pushed Deputy Stephenson forward, to prevent Deputy Stephenson from falling into the pool. Deputy Stephenson punched Suspect Ortega once in the face, as he fell forward on top of Suspect Ortega. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Ortega kicking her legs, so he placed his body on Suspect Ortega's legs, which kept her legs together and prevented her mobility.

Deputy [redacted] saw Sergeant Espinosa's shoelace had become tangled with the shoelace hooks on Suspect Ortega's boots. Deputy [redacted] untangled Sergeant Espinosa's shoelace, then crossed Suspect Ortega's ankles and applied the RIPP hobble. Seconds after the RIPP hobble was applied, Suspect Ortega stopped resisting. Due to Deputy [redacted] position on the legs, he was unable to see what force was used by other personnel.

Due to Suspect Ortega's inability and/or refusal to walk, and the small area between the swimming pool and the shower shed, the deputies picked up Suspect Ortega and set her down in an area with more room to adjust the RIPP hobble. The RIPP hobble was adjusted which allowed Suspect Ortega to walk using shuffle steps.

Deputy [redacted] immediately reported the force he used and saw to Sergeant Espinosa.

Deputy [redacted]

On Thursday, June 2, 2022, at approximately 1311 hours, IAB investigators Sergeant Adrian Guillen and Bernard Ojeda interviewed Deputy [redacted] at the IAB offices

in the city of Commerce. Deputy [redacted] was represented by Attorney Amy Johnson with Rains Lucia Stern, St. Phalle & Silver. The following is a summary of his interview.

On October 27, 2021, he responded to the location regarding a see the woman call. The handling unit contacted Witness [redacted] who said she was abused by Suspect Ortega. Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Ortega lived in the shed of Witness [redacted] backyard. Based on what the handling unit knew, they requested a sergeant to respond to the location to arrest Suspect Ortega for felony elder abuse. The handling unit developed a tactical plan and gave each deputy an assignment.

The deputies and sergeant located Suspect Ortega in a shed in the backyard. The backyard had clutter, which made it difficult to walk and a swimming pool was approximately four feet from the shed. Deputy [redacted] walked to the back of the shed and saw there was no windows or doors Suspect Ortega could escape through. He returned to the front of the shed, where Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson had made verbal contact with Suspect Ortega through a closed door. Deputy [redacted] described trying to pursue Suspect Ortega to open the door for approximately 10 minutes, before Deputy Stephenson realized the door was unlocked and opened the door.

When the door opened, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Ortega sitting on the ground of a heavily cluttered room. Deputy [redacted] reached into the room and tried to gain control of Suspect Ortega's left arm, but Suspect Ortega pulled her arm away from him. Sergeant Espinosa directed Deputy Stephenson to employ OC spray. Deputy [redacted] noticed Deputy Stephenson removed his can of OC spray from his gun belt but did not see Deputy Stephenson employ the OC spray; his view was partially blocked by Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] believed the OC spray had little to no effect on Suspect Ortega because Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy Stephenson to employ the OC spray a second time.

From where Deputy [redacted] stood, he saw Suspect Ortega kick her feet toward Deputy Stephenson's groin but could not tell if her foot made contact. Deputies Stephenson and [redacted] grabbed a hold of Suspect Ortega, he was not sure how, and pulled her out of the room and placed her on her stomach.

Deputy [redacted] gave Deputy [redacted] his RIPP hobble, as Deputy [redacted] controlled Suspect Ortega's legs. Deputy [redacted] had control of Suspect Ortega's arms, while Deputy [redacted] applied the handcuff to her left wrist. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] applied the other handcuff to her right wrist. Deputy [redacted] did not believe Suspect Ortega was physically resistive as he applied the handcuffs. Deputy [redacted] stated Suspect Orgega just screamed as he applied the handcuffs.

IAB Note: **The application of handcuffs occurred at 17:09:50. The view from Deputy Stephenson's BWC appeared to depict resistance by Suspect Ortega as she appeared to pull her right hand away from Deputy [redacted]**

Deputy [redacted] recalled they carried Suspect Ortega away from the shed, as she was hobbled, then placed her down several feet away. Deputy [redacted] moved the RIPP hobble to her knees, which allowed Suspect Ortega to walk on her own, as they escorted her to the front yard. Deputy [redacted] did not recall the application of the second RIPP hobble.

Deputy [redacted] immediately reported the force he used and witnessed to Sergeant Espinosa.

WITNESS EMPLOYEES' STATEMENTS

Sergeant Espinosa

On Monday, May 23, 2022, at approximately 1001 hours, IAB Sergeant Adrian Guillen interviewed Sergeant Michael Espinosa over the telephone, as Sergeant Espinosa was out of work, Injured-On-Duty (IOD) and in another state during the time of this interview. The following is a summary of his interview.

On October 27, 2021, Sergeant Espinosa worked Unit 150S on PM shift. He was requested over the LTAC radio frequency or via cell phone, he did not recall, by Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson, to respond to their location. When he arrived, Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson met him in the front of the residence, in the driveway area. The deputies explained they wanted to affect the arrest of Suspect Ortega for elder abuse, who was at the residence.

IAB Note: On Dispatch 13, the main radio frequency, Deputy [redacted] requested 150S to the LTAC frequency. On the LTAC radio frequency, Deputy [redacted] requested 150S to respond to their location. 150S, Sergeant Espinosa, said he would respond from the station.

IAB Note: LTAC is separate radio frequency which allowed deputy personnel to communicate directly with one another.

Sergeant Espinosa briefly spoke with the victim, Witness [redacted] who confirmed she was desirous of prosecution and a crime had been committed. Sergeatn Espinosa and deputy personnel present located Suspect Ortega in a four-door structure in the backyard, behind one of four doors that faced the swimming pool. Sergeant Espinosa described the area she was in as the size of a closet filled with trash, approximately one foot high.

Prior to making their approach, the handling unit, Deputy [redacted] devised a tactical plan and gave each deputy their designated duty. They also discussed the hazard of the clutter and swimming pool and what to do should the suspect shoot at them. Due to this being a criminal investigation, Sergeant Espinosa did not believe the MET team was necessary.

Deputies contacted Suspect Ortega, who refused to open the door. After several minutes of trying to ruse Suspect Ortega out of the room, Deputy Stephenson was able to open the door. When the door opened Sergeant Espinosa saw Suspect Ortega seated, surrounded by the trash and debris inside the room, which block their view of her hands at times. Due to Suspect Ortega's resistive behavior and their inability to see Suspect Ortega's hands, Sergeant Espinosa ordered Deputy [redacted] to pull Suspect Ortega out of the room.

Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Ortega by her right hand and attempted to pull her out of the room. Suspect Ortega pulled her arm and body away from Deputy [redacted] and did not allow him to pull her out of the room. Sergeant Espinosa saw Deputy Stephenson had a can of OC spray in his hand. He ordered Deputy [redacted] to step away from Suspect Ortega, to avoid contamination, then ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega with his OC spray.

Deputy Stephenson sprayed Suspect Ortega once in the face, but the OC spray did not appear effective, as the OC spray landed on the side of her face. Sergeant Espinosa then ordered Deputy Stephenson to spray Suspect Ortega a second time with OC spray. The second application of OC spray appeared to effect Suspect Ortega, as the OC spray landed in her eyes. Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson immediately pulled Suspect Ortega out of the room by her legs.

As Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson struggled to control Suspect Ortega, Sergeant Espinosa felt pain in his right ankle, and saw his shoelace was caught in a metal clasp on Suspect Ortega's boot, as she thrashed her legs. Sergeant Espinosa communicated to Deputy [redacted] his shoelace was caught, and Deputy [redacted] freed his shoelace from Suspect Ortega's boot.

Sergeant Espinosa re-directed his attention toward the entirety of the situation and saw the suspect had rolled onto her stomach. Deputies [redacted] and Stephenson had control of her upper body, Deputy [redacted] controlled her legs and Deputy [redacted] had applied the handcuffs to Suspect Ortega's wrists. Suspect Ortega stopped all physical resistance once she was handcuffed and the RIPP hobble was applied to her legs.

IAB Note: **Sergeant Espinosa had been out of work since October 29, 2021, two days after this incident, due to an injury that occurred when his shoelace was caught. An on-duty injury form was completed.**

After the use of force, Sergeant Espinosa was informed that Suspect Ortega kicked Deputy Stephenson in the genitals, and Deputy Stephenson punched Suspect Ortega r in the face in response to being kicked.

After the use of force, Sergeant Espinosa saw and heard Witness [redacted] yelling at them. Sergeant Espinosa did not believe Witness [redacted] could have seen the use of force, based on the way the backdoor was angled, away from the pool house. Sergeant Espinosa believed he interviewed Witness [redacted] after the force incident but did not recall her statement.

IAB Note: **IAB investigators did not find an interview with Witness [redacted] among the video footage on Evidence.com.**

A debrief on the incident was conducted among the personnel present. The tactics and communication used, and the outcome of those tactics were debriefed. Deputies [redacted] Stephenson, [redacted] and [redacted] reported the force they used and saw to Sergeant Espinosa during this time. Later the four deputies and Sergeant Espinosa reported the incident and the use of force to Watch Commander Lieutenant Melvin Joseph, #[redacted]

NON-EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

WITNESS STATEMENTS

On April 16, 2022, IAB Sergeant Adrian Guillen contacted Witness [redacted] over the telephone. She was very uncooperative and stated she had witnessed the incident and called it a "traumatic event." She refused to provide any further statement and did not allow the IAB investigator to record the conversation.

There is no transcript available for this interview.

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

Suspect Angelina Ortega

On Thursday, October 28, 2021, at approximately 0138 hours IAB investigators Sergeants Adrian Guillen and Dennis Pogodayev, interviewed Suspect Angelina Ortega inside the Pico Rivera station jail. During this time, Suspect Ortega appeared under the

influence of a sedative, as she had just returned from being treated for her injuries at the hospital. She was unable to answer questions but described pain in her left eye and the back of her head.

On Thursday, June 30, 2022, at approximately 1317 hours, IAB investigators Sergeants Adrian Guillen and Walter Arcos responded to [redacted] in the city of Whittier and contacted Suspect Ortega. The interview was conducted at her car which was parked in the driveway. The following is a summary of her interview.

On October 27, 2021, Suspect Ortega had gone to the backyard of [redacted] to wash her clothes. While in the shower room, she heard deputy personnel call her out of the shower room. She exited the shower room and attempted to show the deputies a text she had sent to the "Ombudsman," and "The President" (of the United States) **[Ortega 2nd Interview, pages 2-3]**.

IAB Note: **Prior to going on record Suspect Ortega had specified she had contacted the President of the United States, however during this interview, she stated "The President."**

Suspect Ortega changed her story and stated as soon as she stepped out of the room, she was instantly OC sprayed by a deputy then another deputy "jumped" on her. Suspect Ortega said the deputies' actions caused a "crack on my head," as she pointed to the bone above her left eye, a "knot" on the back of her head, and a broken left thumb. Subject Ortega said deputies removed her clothes and did not know why. She did not remember any other details of the incident **[Ortega 2nd Interview, pages 3-4]**.

IAB Note: **Suspect Ortega's medical records did not reflect an injury to her left thumb [Exhibit C], nor did she complain about pain or injury to her left thumb to IAB investigators during the first interview [Exhibit B, Video, Ortega Injuries].**

IAB Note: **BWC of this incident showed at 17:15 hours, during her search, deputies removed Subject Ortega's boots, multiple layers of pants, and removed items from her bra, due to concerns of a previously found concealed knife and no available female deputies to respond for the search.**

Suspect Ortega denied she was under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol but said she had ingested marijuana on the day of the force incident. She also denied being diagnosed with mental or psychological disorders.

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

TO: JODI L. HUTAK, CAPTAIN
PICO RIVERA STATION

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

Case Number:	FO2542325
Incident:	Category 3 Force
Incident Date:	October 27, 2021
Unit:	Pico Rivera Station
Suspect(s):	Angelina Ortega FH/080270
Involved Employees:	Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] Deputy Michael Stephenson, #[redacted] Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	September 1, 2022
Statute Date:	October 26, 2022

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Valerie E. Silgero, Edward C. Ramirez, and Jason P. Wolak (Chair) met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC determined the tactics and force used by deputy personnel were within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Panel recommended that a station wide briefing occur regarding call out reasons and procedures for the Department's Mental Evaluation Team. The Panel also recommended Deputies [redacted] Stephenson, [redacted] and [redacted] attend the following Department Training course:

1. Tactics and Survival Critical Incidents (High Risk)

South Patrol Division Commanders Yolanda Figueroa and Acting Commander Salvador Becerra concurred with the Panels findings and recommendations.

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